

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for imparting water repellency to leather and fur skins, ~~wherein comprising~~

~~treating the leather or the fur skins skin is treated, before, during or after the retanning,~~

with ~~one or more~~ at least one formulation ~~formulations~~ comprising

from 1 to 30% by weight, based on the formulation, of a mixture of

~~polysiloxanes~~ comprising

from 10 to 90% by weight, based on the mixture, of ~~one or more~~ at

least one carboxyl-containing polysiloxanes polysiloxane comprising a carboxyl group,

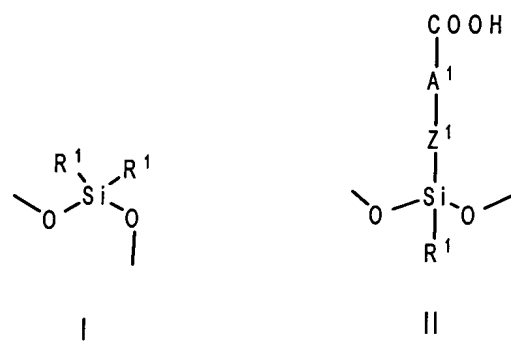
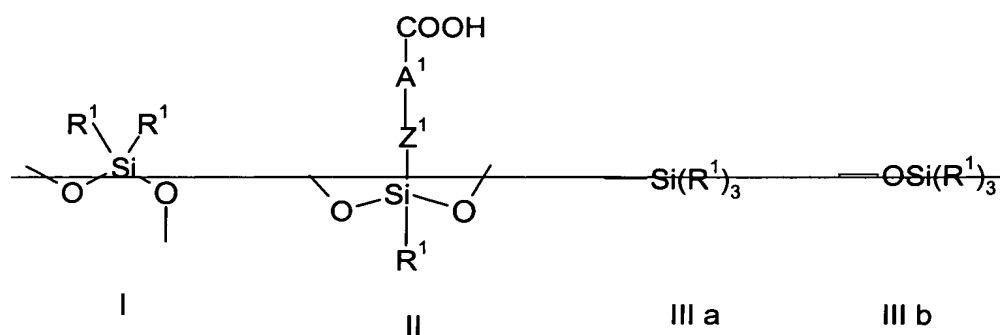
from 90 to 10% by weight, based on the mixture, of ~~one or more~~

~~carboxyl-free polysiloxanes~~ at least one carboxyl free polysiloxane,

and

from 3 to 25% by weight, based on the formulation, of at least one emulsifier.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The process according to of claim 1, wherein the ~~carboxyl-containing polysiloxanes~~ at least one polysiloxane comprising a carbonyl group ~~further comprises the are polysiloxanes which comprise~~ structural elements of the formulae I and II, ~~II and optionally III a and III b~~



where the variables are defined as follows: wherein

R^1 are identical or different and, independently of one another, are hydrogen, a hydroxyl, a C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, a C_6 - C_{14} -aryl, a C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, an amino, a mono- C_1 - C_4 -alkylamino, a di- C_1 - C_4 -alkylamino or a Z^1 - A^1 -COOH group;

A^1 are identical or different and are a linear or a branched C_5 - C_{25} -alkylene; and

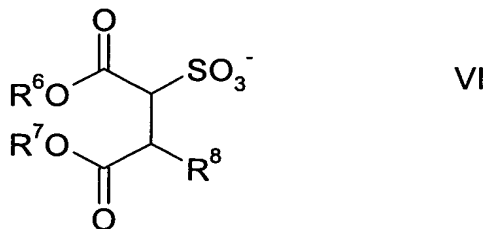
Z^1 is a direct bond, an oxygen, ~~or~~ an amino, a carbonyl, an amido or an ester group.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A The process according to ~~of~~ claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the at least one formulation comprises from 10 to 70% by weight, based on the formulation, of at least one further hydrophobic compound.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A ~~The process of according to any of the preceding~~
~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein the at least one emulsifier is an N-acylated amino acid.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A ~~The process according to any of claims 1 to 3 of~~
claim 1, wherein the at least one emulsifier is ~~a sulfur-containing emulsifier~~ comprises sulfur.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A ~~The process according to~~ of claim 5, wherein the at
least one ~~sulfur-containing~~ emulsifier comprises ~~one or more compounds~~ at least one
compound of the general formula VI



~~where the variables are defined as follows~~ wherein

R⁶ and R⁷ are identical or different and are selected from the group consisting of
hydrogen, a C₁-C₃₀-alkyl and a C₆-C₁₄-aryl group, and
R⁸ is a C₁-C₄-alkyl group or hydrogen.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A ~~The process according to any of the preceding~~
~~claims of claim 3~~, wherein the at least one further hydrophobic compound ~~is a combination of~~
~~comprises~~ at least one natural triglyceride ~~solid or liquid at room temperature~~ and a paraffin
mixture.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A ~~The process according to any of the preceding~~
~~claims of claim 1~~, wherein the ~~treatment~~ treating is carried out at a pH of from 4 to 9.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A ~~The process according to any of the preceding~~
~~claims of claim 1~~, wherein the ~~treatment~~ treating is carried out at from 20 to 65°C.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A leather produced by a ~~process according to any of~~
~~claims 1 to 9~~ the process of claim 1.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method of producing an article of clothing, a piece
of furniture, or an automotive part comprising incorporating the leather of claim 10 into the
article of clothing, the piece of furniture, or the automotive part ~~The use of a leather~~
~~according to claim 10 for the production of articles of clothing, pieces of furniture or~~
~~automotive parts.~~

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A fur skin produced by the method of claim 1
~~according to any of claims 1 to 9.~~

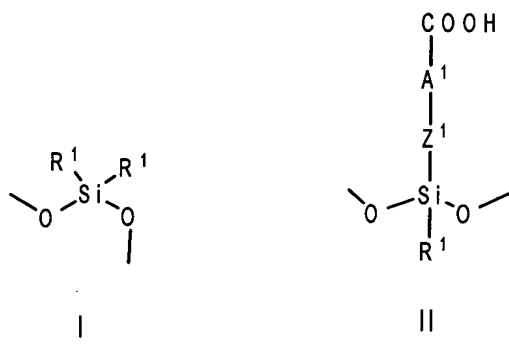
Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A formulation comprising
from 1 to 20% by weight, based on the formulation, of a mixture of polysiloxanes
comprising

from 10 to 90% by weight, based on the mixture, of ~~one or more~~ at least one
polysiloxane comprising a carboxyl group, ~~containing polysiloxanes,~~

from 90 to 10% by weight, based on the mixture, of ~~one or more~~ at least one
carboxyl-free polysiloxanes polysiloxane, and

from 3 to 25% by weight, based on the formulation, of at least one emulsifier.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A The ~~formulation according to claim 12 of claim 13,~~
wherein ~~the carboxyl-containing polysiloxanes are polysiloxanes which~~ the at least one
polysiloxane comprising a carbonyl group further comprises ~~comprise~~ structural elements of
the formulae I and II ~~I, II and optionally III a and III b.~~



wherein

R¹ are identical or different and, independently of one another, are hydrogen, a hydroxyl, a C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₆-C₁₄-aryl, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy, an amino, a mono-C₁-C₄-alkylamino, a di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino or a Z¹-A¹-COOH group;

A¹ are identical or different and are a linear or a branched C₅-C₂₅-alkylene; and

Z¹ is a direct bond, an oxygen, or an amino, a carbonyl, an amido or an ester group.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The formulation of claim 13 according to claim 13
~~or 14, which comprises~~ further comprising from 10 to 70% by weight, based on the
formulation, of at least one further hydrophobic compound.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The formulation of claim 15 according to any of
~~claims 13 to 15, wherein the at least one further hydrophobic compound~~ compounds are a
~~combination of comprises~~ at least one natural triglyceride solid or liquid at room temperature
and a paraffin mixture.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): ~~A process for the preparation of a~~ preparing the
~~formulation according to any of claims 13 to 16 by~~ of claim 13, comprising
mixing the at least one polysiloxane comprising a carboxyl group with the at least one
carboxyl-free polysiloxane and the at least one emulsifier ~~components~~ carboxyl-free
polysiloxane, carboxyl-containing polysiloxane and one or more emulsifiers.

Claim 18 (New): The process of claim 1, wherein the at least one polysiloxane comprising a carbonyl group further comprises the structural elements of the formulae III a and III b



wherein

R¹ are identical or different and, independently of one another, are hydrogen, a hydroxyl, a C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₆-C₁₄-aryl, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy, an amino, a mono-C₁-C₄-alkylamino, a di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino or a Z¹-A¹-COOH group;

A¹ are identical or different and are a linear or a branched C₅-C₂₅-alkylene; and

Z¹ is a direct bond, an oxygen, an amino, a carbonyl, an amido or an ester group.

Claim 19 (New): The formulation of claim 13, wherein the at least one polysiloxane comprising a carbonyl group further comprises structural elements of the formulae III a and

III b



wherein

R¹ are identical or different and, independently of one another, are hydrogen, a hydroxyl, a C₁-C₄-alkyl, a C₆-C₁₄-aryl, a C₁-C₄-alkoxy, an amino, a mono-C₁-C₄-alkylamino, a di-C₁-C₄-alkylamino or a Z¹-A¹-COOH group;

A¹ are identical or different and are a linear or a branched C₅-C₂₅-alkylene; and

Z^1 is a direct bond, an oxygen, an amino, a carbonyl, an amido or an ester group.